DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Public Health Service

Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20857

NDA 21-400

Bayer Pharmaceuticals Corporation Attention: Michael Rozycki, Ph.D. Director, Regulatory Affairs 400 Morgan Lane West Haven, CT 06516

Dear Dr. Rozycki:

Please refer to your supplemental new drug application dated November 17, 2004, received November 19, 2004 (S-002) submitted under section 505(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act for Levitra® (vardenafil hydrochloride).

We also acknowledge receipt of your amendment dated February 14, 2005.

This "Prior Approval" supplement (S-002) provides a response to a Supplement Request Letter dated October 8, 2004, to remove the contraindication regarding the concomitant use of Levitra® and alphablockers and replace with a new "Alpha-Blockers" subsection in the PRECAUTIONS section that contains language provided by the Division.

We have completed the review of this supplemental application, as amended, and have concluded that adequate information has been presented to demonstrate that the drug product is safe and effective for use as recommended in the agreed upon labeling text. Accordingly, these applications are approved effective on the date of this letter.

The final printed labeling (FPL) must be identical to the enclosed labeling (package insert (PI) and patient package insert (PPI)).

Please submit an electronic version of the FPL according to the guidance for industry titled *Providing Regulatory Submissions in Electronic Format - NDA*. Alternatively, you may submit 20 paper copies of the FPL as soon as it is available but no more than 30 days after it is printed. Individually mount 15 of the copies on heavy-weight paper or similar material. For administrative purposes, designate these submissions "FPL for approved supplement NDA 21-400/S-002." Approval of these submissions by FDA is not required before the labeling is used.

In addition, submit three copies of the introductory promotional materials that you propose to use for this product. Submit all proposed materials in draft or mock-up form, not final print. Send one copy to Division of Reproductive and Urologic Drug Products and two copies of both the promotional materials and the package insert directly to:

Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications, HFD-42 Food and Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

If you issue a letter communicating important information about this drug product (i.e., a "Dear Health Care Professional" letter), we request that you submit a copy of the letter to this NDA and a copy to the following address:

MEDWATCH, HFD-410 FDA 5600 Fishers Lane Rockville, MD 20857

We remind you that you must comply with reporting requirements for an approved NDA (21 CFR 314.80 and 314.81).

If you have any questions, please call Eufrecina DeGuia, Regulatory Health Project Manager, at (301) 827-4260.

Sincerely,

{See appended electronic signature page}

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